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SUB: OMAR AMER TOUR

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1. OMAR AMER DISCUSSED TRAVEL PLANS WITH FORMER PESHAWAR CONSUL VELLETRI AND REQUESTED PARTIAL IVP GRANT PERMITTING APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS TRAVEL. EMBASSY CONSIDERED REQUEST BUT BECAUSE AMER IS GOP EMPLOYEE ADVISED VELLETRI WE DID NOT FEEL SHOULD RECOMMEND. PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT GENERALLY NOT FAVORABLE TO GRANTS TO EMPLOYEES ESPECIALLY WHEN INITIATIVE TAKEN BY EMPLOYEE HIMSELF. WE THROUGH VELLETRI INFORMED AMER, BUT NOW BELIEVE IN LIGHT OF INFORMATION FROM LONDON THAT POSSIBLY AMER DEPARTED PAKISTAN BEFORE VELLETRI COULD CONTACT.

2. EMBASSY NOT OPPOSED TO ATTEMPTING OBTAIN GOP CLEARANCE AND AWARDING PARTIAL GRANT BUT WILL NEED TIME TO PROCESS THROUGH PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS. IF AMER WILL BE IN ENGLAND FOR TWO OR THREE WEEKS MORE CAN ATTEMPT EXPEDITE GOP PERMISSION BUT IF AMER TRAVELLING TO U.S. SOON THIS NOT POSSIBLE. EVEN UNCLASSIFIED

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IF TIME PERMITS THERE IS NO ASSURANCE THAT GOP WILL

APPROVE.

3. REQUEST LONDON ADVISE HOW MUCH LONGER AMER
REMAINING IN UK.

4. FOR CU/IVP: IF GOP APPROVAL CAN BE OBTAINED WILL
IT BE POSSIBLE FOR DEPARTMENT OR CONTRACT AGENCY TO
PROGRAM AMER FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS IN SEPTEMBER?
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